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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005. Claims 1-38 are currently pending for examination. No amendments have been made to the claims.

**Double Patenting**

Claims 1-38 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,7864,289 which is of common ownership with the present application. The rejection is respectfully traversed by the filing of the terminal disclaimer attached with this amendment. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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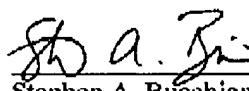
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the examiner's indication that claims 1-38 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the double patenting rejection. A terminal disclaimer has been filed with this response which traverses the double patenting rejection.

A terminal disclaimer fee of \$130 under 37 CFR 1.20(d) is believed due in connection with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-0780 as well as any other fees which are determined to be due.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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